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Kurk et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1732

For: POLYMER VALVE PROSTHESIS BY DIP COATING

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In response to the Office Action of June 18, 2002, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

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Please replace the title with the following:

MANDREL FOR DIP COATING POLYMER VALVE PROSTHESES

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 12-28 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 30-37 as follows:

1. A mandrel comprising a top surface, and an outer surface comprising a plurality of ridges and contoured surfaces extending between the ridges corresponding to polymer leaflets, wherein an edge on the mandrel separates the top surface and the contoured surfaces, with the mandrel edge corresponding to the free edge of the leaflets.

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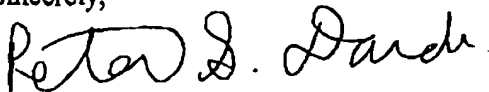
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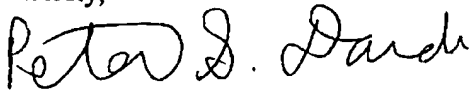
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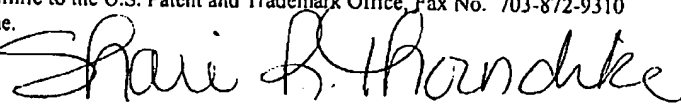
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